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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of July 28, 2003, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Herron (US 5,677,196). Claims 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Herron in view of Kraus (US 6,198,869).

These rejections are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 1 is patentable over Herron, since claim 1 recites a method for exciting and determining a luminescence in an analyte sample which is located in contact with a waveguiding layer of an optical layer waveguide, the method comprising generating the luminescence by non-evanescent excitation in a volume of the analyte sample as luminescence radiation; guiding the luminescence radiation generated in an immediate proximity of a surface of the waveguiding layer to a measuring device after the luminescence radiation penetrates the waveguiding layer;